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SUBJECT: NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR: HONG KONG CONSULATIONS

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1. IN REFTEL (C) WE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION WHICH YOU COULD PROVIDE
REGARDING THE ACCURACY OF A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO THE
MANAGER OF THE SING SHING RUBBER PRODUCTS COMPANY REGARDING
THE CAUSE OF THE SURGE IN HONG KONG FOOTWEAR SHIPMENTS
TO THE UNITED STATES. HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE STATED THAT
THE SURGE WAS DUE TO THE PRACTICE OF SOME LOCAL FIRMS OF
(1) IMPORTING FINISHED OR NEARLY FINISHED NONRUBBER
FOOTWEAR FROM TAIWAN AND REEXPORTING SUCH FOOTWEAR TO THE
UNITED STATES AS A QUOTE PRODUCT OF HONG KONG END QUOTE
OR (2) IMPORTING SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED FOOTWEAR FROM
TAIWAN FOR MINIMAL TRANSFORMATION OR ASSEMBLY INTO FINISHED
SHOES IN HONG KONG FOR REEXPORTATION TO THE UNITED STATES
AS A PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

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2. IF HONG KONG FIRMS ARE ENGAGING IN SUCH PRACTICES ON
AN EVER INCREASING SCALE AS SUGGESTED BY CHONG IT SEEMS

REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES WOULD BE
REFLECTED IN A RISING LEVEL OF HONG KONG IMPORTATIONS
OF FINISHED OR NEARLY FINISHED FOOTWEAR AND FOOTWEAR

COMPONENTS FROM TAIWAN. TO ASSIST US IN ENDEAVORING TO ASSESS THE PREVALENCE OF THE PRACTICES CITED IN PARA 1, WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY CABLE ASAP DATA ON HONG KONG IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN OF (A) COMPLETED NONRUBBER FOOTWEAR AND (B) NONRUBBER FOOTWEAR COMPONENTS FOR EACH MONTH COMMENCING WITH JANUARY 1977 THROUGH MAY 1978, OR THROUGH THE LATEST MONTH AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING DATA ON HONG KONG EXPORTS OF NONRUBBER FOOTWEAR TO THE U.S. FOR THE SAME MONTHS.

3. ANY DISAGGREGATION OF THE REQUESTED DATA ON NONRUBBER FOOTWEAR ACCORDING TO GENDER, PRICE OR MATERIAL COMPOSITION, I.E. LEATHER, VINYL OR PLASTIC, WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL. VANCE

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